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1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED CHETVERIKOV REPORT (REFTEL A). DURING FELDMESSER NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW PRECEDING MARCH VISIT OF SOVDEL IN HIGHER EDUCATION TO US, UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT EACH SIDE WOULD SUBMIT COPIES OF ITS PAPERS IN TRANSLATION. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, ETS SUBMITTED TWO PAPERS TO DEPT FOR TRANSLATION INTO RUSSIAN. BOTH TRANSLATED PAPERS WERE POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SOVIETS ON SEPT 16.

2. DUE TO RAPIDLY APPROACHING DEPARTURE DATE OF U.S. DELEGATION, (OCT 2), DEPT IS PASSING RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COPY OF SINGLE SOVIET-PREPARED PAPER TO DELEGATION MEMBER SEYMOUR ROSEN, WHO SPEAKS SOME RUSSIAN. BOTH DEPT AND ETS' UNCLASSIFIED

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FELDMESSER FEEL TRANSMITTAL OF SOVIET PAPER IN RUSSIAN IS

NOT IN ACCORD WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING. ADDITIONALLY, IT PUTS NON-RUSSIAN SPEAKING U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS AT DIS-ADVANTAGE.

3. ANOTHER ETS COMPLAINT STEMS FROM RECEIPT OF ONLY ONE PAPER, AND CORRESPONDING SCHEDULING OF TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF ONLY ONE TOPIC DURING SEMINAR AS OPPOSED TO TWO AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON. ETS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TWO PAPERS, THE SUBJECTS OF WHICH ARE 1) NON-TRADITIONAL FORMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND, 2) MANPOWER FORECASTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. THE CHETVERIKOV PAPER COVERS ONLY THE FIRST TOPIC. ETS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE SOVIETS HAVE SCRAPPED THE SECOND TOPIC OR WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN USSR A CORRESPONDING SOVIET PAPER, AND IN ENGLISH.

4. THIRD, ETS' FELDMESSER WAS DISAPPOINTED TO NOTE THAT WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, MAJORITY OF SOVIETS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR (REF B) WERE NOT MEMBERS OF SOVDEL TO U.S. IN MARCH. DEPT IS AWARE THAT CURRENT LIST OF SOVIET PARTICIPANTS MAY CONSTITUTE BETTER QUALIFIED PEOPLE. HOWEVER, UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUITY IN PARTICIPATION TO PRECLUDE REPETITION IN DISCUSSIONS.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD, IF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, COMMUNICATE TO MHE ETS DISSATISFACTION ON THESE POINTS. THOUGH TIME IS SHORT, SOVIETS MAY UNDERTAKE SOME CORRECTIVE ACTION. KISSINGER

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